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**UPCOMING EVENTS /  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The City's Resurfacing Division  
has scheduled it's final resurfacing for  
**Sunset Blvd from Ladera Drive to  
Beverly Glen Blvd** this weekend:

**Saturday June 25, 2016 to Sunday  
June 26, 2016**

The resurfacing crew will begin working  
from 6:00 am to 6:00 this weekend.  
Traffic will be reduced down to one lane  
in each direction during  
the scheduled working hours. Message  
boards will be placed next week so that  
drivers are aware of the upcoming  
resurfacing. The department will be  
advising drivers to use Wilshire Blvd  
and Santa Monica Blvd as alternate  
routes.

As always, any emergency response  
vehicles will be given full access to their  
destination. The department expects to

**Decking Phase 2: Wilshire/La Brea Intersection**

complete this project within the days indicated. The City of Beverly Hills is also working with the City of Los Angeles to do outreach.

Send us your news and events! If you or your community group have any upcoming events that you would like to see featured in our next newsletter or on my website, please e-mail me at [paul.koretz@lacity.org](mailto:paul.koretz@lacity.org).

Please feel free to send this newsletter along to your friends and neighbors and tell them to visit the CD 5 website at <http://cd5.lacity.org> to sign up for this newsletter.

**Summary** Beginning Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 8pm thru Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 am, the design-builder will implement a full closure of the Wilshire/La Brea intersection. Lane reductions will occur on La Brea and on Wilshire prior to the full closure from 10am to 8pm. Expect delays. Plan accordingly.

#### **Vehicle Detours**

- Eastbound Wilshire to northbound Fairfax to eastbound 6<sup>th</sup> St. to southbound Highland to eastbound Wilshire
- Westbound Wilshire to northbound Highland to westbound 6<sup>th</sup> to southbound Fairfax to westbound Wilshire.
- Northbound La Brea to westbound Olympic to northbound Fairfax to eastbound 3<sup>rd</sup> to northbound La Brea
- Southbound La Brea to westbound 3<sup>rd</sup> to southbound Fairfax to eastbound Olympic to southbound La Brea.

#### **Metro 720/20 and AVTA Bus Detour:**

- Eastbound Wilshire to northbound Fairfax to eastbound 3<sup>rd</sup> st. to southbound La Brea to eastbound Wilshire
- Westbound Wilshire to northbound La Brea to westbound 3<sup>rd</sup> st. to southbound Fairfax to Westbound Wilshire.
- Visit [www.metro.net/purplelineext](http://www.metro.net/purplelineext) decking landing page for list of locations to board a bus.

#### **Metro 212/312 Bus Detour:**

- Northbound La Brea to eastbound Olympic to northbound Crenshaw to westbound Wilshire to northbound Rossmore to westbound 3<sup>rd</sup> to northbound La Brea.
- Southbound La Brea to eastbound 3<sup>rd</sup> to southbound Rossmore to eastbound Wilshire to southbound Crenshaw to westbound Olympic to southbound La Brea.
- Visit [www.metro.net/purplelineext](http://www.metro.net/purplelineext) decking landing page for list of locations to board a bus.

#### **LADOT DASH FAIRFAX**

- Eastbound 6<sup>th</sup> to southbound Cloverdale to westbound Wilshire.
- Temporary bus stop at Wilshire/Cloverdale north side of street.

#### **Essentials TIME:**

- Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>– Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>
- Work hours: 8pm Friday-6am Monday.
- Continuous through weekend

**WHERE:** La Brea Intersection

**WHAT:** [La Brea Decking](#)

### **What to Expect**

- All work has received necessary permits and approvals.
- Access for pedestrians will be maintained outside of the construction zone.
- Access for emergency responders will be maintained.
- Construction may result in changes to bus routes or stop locations. Metro will post signs at affected stops to advise of alternative boarding locations. Real-time information available at [metro.net/service/advisories](http://metro.net/service/advisories) or 323.GOMETRO.

### **Westwood and the Mobility Plan**

On June 23, the City Planning Commission amended Mobility Plan 2035 to make Gayley-Midvale the choice for a bicycle lane in the Westwood area, in the process withdrawing Westwood Blvd. from consideration. This substitution was in keeping with the spirit and intent of a city council motion authored by Councilmember Koretz and approved by the City Council. Many local neighborhood and community activists and leaders from Westwood and the Westside came to the Commission meeting to speak out in full support of amending the Mobility Plan to reflect the substance and goals of the Koretz motion. They repeatedly discussed how the safety of bicyclists, motorists, buses and pedestrians was at stake, as well as the reliability and efficiency of bus service. (Westwood Blvd. is traveled upon by a massive number of buses serving a huge number of public transit commuters.)

The Gayley-Midvale route for a bicycle lane would run one block west of Westwood Blvd., and is strongly supported by community and neighborhood groups and Councilmember Koretz, who advocates for bicycle lanes because they help get people out of their cars and are therefore good for the environment. The Commission action now goes the City Council's Planning and Land Management (PLUM) Committee. Some of the Westwood and Westside community leaders present on June 23 to call for the Commission's amendment gathered afterward for this photo (pictured from left to right): Stephen Resnick, Barbara Broide, Laura Lake, 5th Council District Chief of Staff Joan Pelico, 5th Council District Legislative Deputy Jeff Ebenstein, Debbie Nussbaum, Terry Tegnazian, Sandy Brown, and Dr. Jerry Brown.

### **Councilmember Koretz Urges Planning**

## **Commission to Take More Time to Get Home Sharing Right**

In a lengthy comment letter to the City Planning Commission, which had the draft Home Sharing Ordinance on its June 23rd agenda, Councilmember Paul Koretz pointed out a number of issues of concern to his constituents and himself and suggested the Commission consider not taking action without further review.

Koretz wrote, "I recognize that this is a phenomenon that long predates its recent blossoming under the umbrella of online transactions, that it serves certain useful purposes for some of our residents, and that it's not going away despite the fervent wishes of its harshest critics. As policymakers our challenge is to regulate it appropriately, firmly and enforceably so that it provides the beneficial service it claims to offer while not allowing the current 'Wild West' characteristics to continue which place profit and unaccountability over good land use principles and community stability."

"The draft ordinance contains a number of supportable provisions," he added, "including the eligibility and implementation requirements, an enforcement concept that takes into account most of the crucial issues, and the ban on the use of Rent Stabilized units for (short-term rental)."

Koretz went on to outline a series of issues he feels deserve more scrutiny and/or consideration for possible amendments. They include:

1. Concern about the number of days a year home sharing would be allowed in any one location.
2. The need for a firm limit on the number of days a home could be rented out while the owner/host is on vacation.
3. Stiffer fines to the on-line platforms for allowing hosts who fail to register with the City to list their rentals on those platforms, along with fines for the unregistered hosts.
4. A consolidated, focused unit to better coordinate administrative and enforcement functions.
5. Devoting more of the tax revenues from home sharing to administration and, especially, enforcement, in addition to allocating a substantial portion of them to creating affordable housing.
6. The ability for private citizens to take action in court if they are dissatisfied with the City's enforcement efforts.
7. Ensurances that no on-line platforms or hosts are violating federal civil rights laws in terms of providing public accommodations.

"I believe this ordinance is not yet 'fully cooked' and requires additional work before you approve it," the Councilmember concluded. "I do not, however, advocate holding the ordinance up for a lengthy period of time while we try to make it perfectly enforceable. The situation as it exists today is intolerable and leaving that in place while we fall prey to a modern-day equivalent of Voltaire's famous adage, 'the perfect is the enemy of the good,' would do a disservice to the public."

In its June 23rd action, taken after a five hour hearing, the City Planning Commission accepted some of the Councilmember's suggestions and not others, which was to be expected. They did recommend amendments to the draft ordinance, but also chose to instruct Planning staff and the City Attorney to prepare an amended version for transmittal to the City Council instead of for further Commission review.

Key elements of the Commission's approval that were generally harmonious with his recommendations include the prohibition on using Rent Stabilized apartments for Home Sharing, increasing the set-aside of Transient Occupancy Tax revenues for use in enforcement from 5% to 10%, increasing fines for several categories of violations, and adding a "three-strikes and you're suspended from Home Sharing" provision for repeat violators. Commission amendments that were not part of the Councilmember's list include bumping the number of days a home can be used for Home Sharing from the 120 days specified in the draft being considered up to 180 days and adding permission to use second homes as short-term rental "vacation homes" for up to 15 days a year. The Commission also called for a report-back from Planning staff in one year after the ordinance is implemented to determine whether any changes might be required.

The amended draft ordinance will be sent to the City Council's Planning and Land Use Committee in several weeks and Councilmember Koretz and his colleagues will begin their own debate about its provisions before giving it final approval later on in the full City Council. As the process goes on the Councilmember will continue to fight for the principles he set forth in his letter.

## **California Rehabilitation Center**

A Grand Opening was recently held for the California Rehabilitation Institute, located in Century City, and Councilmember Koretz was there to welcome and salute this vital new effort and to thank Cedars-Sinai, UCLA Health, and Select Medical for their extraordinary and invaluable partnership in making it possible. The Institute, the largest inpatient rehabilitation facility of its kind on the West Coast, is a new 138-bed, all private-room physical medicine and rehabilitation hospital that will serve patients recovering from stroke, spinal cord

injury, brain injury and other neurological disorders.

Compassionate, caring, physician-led teams of physical therapists, occupational therapists and specialized nursing staff will bring the latest and most advanced level of acute rehabilitation care to the people of Los Angeles. Without a doubt, many, many people and families will be helped enormously because of this crucial endeavor.

### **Carlitos Gardel**

The 5th Council District is home to many highly acclaimed restaurants -- and one of them is Carlitos Gardel Restaurant. This popular Argentine steakhouse was recently named "Best Overall" restaurant by Open Table, a leading restaurant reservation and review site. In addition, Carlitos Gardel, located at 7963 Melrose Avenue, has been lavishly praised by the Los Angeles Times, Zagat, and numerous other reviewers.

Top notch restaurants are of great benefit to the local quality of life of the 5th District and to the city's economy. Councilmember Koretz was pleased to stop by at Carlitos Gardel, to congratulate the owner-operators the Bozoghlian family, as well as restaurant staff, on the recent honor from Open Table.

### **A groundbreaking ceremony**

Councilmember Koretz was delighted to be on hand for the Katz Pavilion and Shalom Gardens groundbreaking ceremony on the campus of the Stephen S. Wise Temple and Schools. The project includes a full-size basketball court and two practice courts, as well as a new Shalom Garden, a new outdoor plaza and landscaping comprised of grass, trees, and pedestrian walkways linking Katz Pavilion to the rest of the Temple. This effort provides a wonderful recreational resource for generations of students to come, while also beautifying the campus and community.

### **Pet of the week**

June is Adopt-a-Shelter-Cat month and this gorgeous, four-year-old, silver tabby Domestic Shorthair named Queen is available for adoption at the West Valley Animal Shelter. Her

owner was allergic and surrendered her. She is super sweet and looking for a loving home. Queen's adoption fee is waived along with her feline friends 4 months old or older courtesy of a generous ASPCA grant. Queen's ID number is A1605664. Come meet her today at the West Valley Animal Shelter, located at 20655 Plummer Street, Chatsworth, 91311. For more information, visit [LAAAnimalServices.com](http://LAAAnimalServices.com) or call [888-452-7381](tel:888-452-7381).

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LADWP customers are invited to the LA Zoo (5333 Zoo Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90027) to pick up recycled water for free. The Residential Recycled Water Fill Station Pilot Program will be operational from **8 am to 11 am every Tuesday** starting on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Please note days and times are subject to change. Registered LADWP customers will be notified of schedule updates.

LADWP customers must attend a brief training session to qualify. If you require training, a 30-minute session will be offered during operations at the LA Zoo. We ask that you **please RSVP** at [recycledwaterinfo@ladwp.com](mailto:recycledwaterinfo@ladwp.com). It is important that you bring a Government issued ID, your LADWP bill, and containers with water-tight lids to the fill station.

Recycled water is a local, safe, and reliable source for the City of LA. This pilot program is brought to you by LA Zoo, LASAN, and LADWP in an effort consistent with the One Water LA initiative.

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